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## NICARAGUA.

*Reports from Bluefields, fruit port—Stegomyia—Sanitary conditions.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Layton reports:

Ten days ended May 22. Present officially estimated population, 2,500. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week fairly good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of Crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
May 15	Marietta Di Georgio.....	New Orleans.....	19	3	0
22	Imperator.....	.....do.....	21	18	0

Temperature of personnel and passengers of both vessels taken prior to departure.

The general sanitary conditions of the port are poor. The streets are dirty; garbage and filth stand everywhere. No attempt is made to clean the streets or remove garbage.

Drinking water is scarce, and the natives are compelled to drink well water, which is often unfit for use. Mosquitoes are not numerous, owing to the dry season, the scarcity of cisterns containing water, and the absence of breeding places. All those present are *Stegomyia calopus*. There are no quarantinable diseases.

*Sanitary conditions improved.*

Week ended May 29. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week good. Mosquitoes increasing. Nearly all those observed are *Stegomyia*. There are very few *Anopheles* present.

Bill of health issued to the following-named vessel:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
May 29	Marietta Di Georgio.....	New Orleans.....	19	3	0

The heavy rains which fell have cleared the port thoroughly, and the garbage heaps and accumulations of filth have all been swept out to sea. The water famine is at an end. Bluefields is now in a better sanitary condition than it has been at any time during the past two months.

The port and surroundings are free from quarantinable diseases.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*Reports from Manila—Smallpox—Status of cholera in the provinces—Decreased mortality in Manila, quarter ended March 31, 1909—Inspection of vessels.*

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, April 26:

Week ended April 24. Thirteen cases of smallpox were reported for the city of Manila.

During the week the following cases and deaths from cholera were reported from the provinces of the Philippine Islands:

Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Bohol.....	1	2
Cebu.....	2	1
Isabela.....	9	2
Sorsogon.....	2	1
Negros Occidental.....	33	24
Total.....	47	30

*Smallpox.*—While there were 13 cases of smallpox reported for the city of Manila for the week, there were in reality no actual cases of smallpox under observation, the patients having varioloid in its mildest form.

*Cholera.*—In the provinces there were fewer cases of cholera reported than for a number of months past. The mortality among those who are engaged in combating the disease was higher. One sanitary inspector and 2 constabulary guards succumbed in the province of Negros Occidental.

*Decreased mortality.*—There has been a decided drop in the mortality of the city of Manila for the first quarter of 1909 as compared with the same quarter of previous years, 616 fewer deaths occurring. This great improvement has been attributed to the use of the water from the new system, which is taken from an uninhabited watershed, and also to the improved housing and drainage which have been carried out in the poorer sections of Manila. During the week consular bills of health were issued at the port of Manila as follows:

On April 20 the British steamship *Aymeric*, with 33 crew, en route from Cebu to Tacoma, Wash., was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual inspection of cargo and personnel.

*Quarantine transactions of the service in the Philippine Islands during the month of March, 1909.*

#### MANILA.

Bills of health issued.....	57
Vessels inspected.....	79
Passengers on arriving vessels inspected.....	3, 016
Persons vaccinated.....	21
Members of crews on arriving steamships inspected.....	4, 627
On arriving sailing vessels inspected.....	108
Persons bathed and effects disinfected.....	610
Steamships partially disinfected.....	3
Steamships fumigated to exterminate vermin.....	8
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	813
Pieces of baggage inspected and passed.....	139
Vessels entering quarantine during the month.....	1
Steamships sailing without quarantine inspected and passed.....	9
Sailing vessels sailing without quarantine inspected and passed.....	1
Steamships disinfected.....	2
Members of crews quarantined.....	63
Passengers quarantined.....	63
Members of crews on vessels inspected.....	705
Passengers on vessels inspected.....	439
Members of crews bathed and effects disinfected.....	233
Passengers bathed and effects disinfected.....	201
Persons vaccinated.....	63
Cases of quarantinable diseases detected among personnel of vessels, smallpox.....	1
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	1, 433
Pieces of baggage inspected and passed.....	1, 521
Pieces of miscellaneous cargo certified.....	56, 447